DRAPER LAB BRIDGE CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – 14th JANUARY, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:28pm and presided over by club manager Peter Matthews.

The minutes of the 2013 meeting were approved.

Membership VP’s Report (Steve McDevitt):
The club had 71 regular members,
exemptions (students, service, etc.)
18 lifetime members
this year.

2012 numbers were inflated due to the group of Chinese students who came to play at the club during the summer. The 2013 numbers are still down, but more of our members play regularly.

Club Manager’s Report (Peter Matthews):
The club averaged 8 tables per game
1.86 students per game (usually MIT)
Player of the Year: Paul Wendt
Club Champion: Stephen McDevitt & Emily Shen

The club ran a free game on July 16th.

Treasurer’s Report (Brian Duran) was accepted.

Publicity Report: (Kevin Mayhew)
The publicity group:
- Sent welcomes to new players, by e-mail or paper

Nominating Committee (Gloria Tsoi)

Slate of Officers proposed:
President:
Treasurer: Brian Duran*
VP Membership: Steve McDevitt*
VP Publicity: Kevin Mayew*
Secretary: Pamela Miller*
Club Manager: Peter Matthews*

* incumbent

There is a need for a President, traditionally an MIT student. Ravi Charan is graduate in June. The duties of the President were described, but on a practical level consist of reserving the rooms.

Motion to Nominate David Lu, MIT sophomore, as President PASSED

Motion to elect slate ELECTED

OLD BUSINESS
IAP Class/Novice Game:

This year we have four consistent tables. Mark Throop is teaching the class, and will run the novice game on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. They will play fewer than 24 boards.

Books are no longer free to teachers. Mark has purchased them. The club will reimburse. In addition, Alya will work with Mark to apply to the ACBL for the teacher’s stipend.

James will change the website to list the correct contact information.

Vincent will alter the mailing list so that Mark receives the IAP e-mails rather than Alya.

NEW BUSINESS

New Life Members

MOTION: Ravi Charan and Steve McDevitt be named life members of the club.

Amended: Pam Miller and Vincent Koom Kam King be named life members of the club. PASSED

Club Computer

The current computer runs Windows XP and is on its last legs. It may need to be replaced. In addition the computer will need to be compatible with the web-based ACBL Score+ coming later in 2014. Pete & Pam will inquire at their offices whether there is a not-quite-so-dead laptop we can have.

MOTION: The club authorize the Club Manager to replace the laptop should it become necessary. PASSED

Succession Planning

The club manager announced that the club should start considering succession planning for the club manager. There was discussion of the duties and remuneration for the job of Director and Club Manager (they have traditionally been the same person).

Duties: deal with the ACBL, the day-to-day financial records, determine the schedule, obtain the sanctions, etc. The week-to-week operation of the club.

There is no need for action at this time, but the club and its members should think about it this year.

Visible Game Clock

There is a request, agreed to by many, for a more visible game clock. Various ideas all include using the projector. We could borrow people’s devices/laptops, or set the club laptop to a dual screen. The Club Manager will take the request under advisement.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18pm